II. REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the preceding amendments. The amendments are made to conform the application with U.S. patent practice and therefore do not raise an issue of new matter.

III. CONCLUSION

No fee, other than the filing fee, is considered necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, should the Patent Office determine that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-2518**, referencing attorney docket no. 2023915-7004093004. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

If telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 849-4950.

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